Grant of Agricultural loans

2983. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of agricultural loans sanctioned to the farming sector as on 30th June, 1987 by nationalised banks as well as Co-operative Banks for the purpose (a) crop loan (b) medium term loan (c) amount of rescheduled loan and (d) purchase of implements how much is outstanding as on 30th June, 1987;

(b) what were the outstandings during the last 3 years State-wise; at village societies level, district level and Apex level as on 30th June, every year; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reduce the incidence of cost-push effect due to higher rate of interest and other expenses on account of input prices, energy and irrigation charges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The information is laid on the table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLVII Annexure No. 118].

(b) The information is laid on the table of the House. [*See* Appendix CXLVIII Annexure No. 119].

(c) The rates of interest on crop loans have been reduced with effect from 1-3-88. As regards cost-push effect on account of input prices, energy and irrigation charges, the information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the Houes.

Alternative strategy for helping small and marginal farmers

2984. SHRI A G KULKARNI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government prepared any alternative strategy to help small and marginal farmers to meet their financial commitments in response to persistent demand in debt redemption of the agricultural communiiy particularly small farmers and state:

(b) whether the yearly terms of trade between Agriculture and Industry during the last three years; and

(c) whether the adverse terms of trade between prices of agricultural goods and manufactured goods will be reversed to help farming community?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not proposed any new strategy to help small and marginal farmers to meet their financial commitments. However, with a view to help farmers in redeeming their debts the State Government have already enacted suitable legislation to provide relief from private debts. The Reserve Bank of India/National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development (NABARD) have also issued guidelines for providing relief to farmers in the repayment of agricultural loans by way of moratorium, rescheduling, interest reduction and exemption from penal interest and compound interest, under special circumstances.

(b) and (c) The Commission for Agriculture Costs and Prices takes into account the changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sector while recommending the procurement support prices.

Inclusion of banjaras in the ST list

2985. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the inclusion of an estimated three crores population of Banjaras living in Andhra Pradesh,